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SUBJ: OCTOBER 28 PRESS COVERAGE OF BI-LATERAL

NEGOTIATIONS AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENTS

1. TURKISH PRESS OCTOBER 28 GAVE WIDE-SPREAD COVERAGE TO THE OPENING OF THE TALKS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND TURKEY ON A NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. AYRINTILI HABER CARRIED A 6-COLUMN FRONT PAGE STORY WHICH CLAIMED THAT THE FOCUS OF THE TALKS WOULD BE TO DEVELOP A NEW BASIC AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD DEFINE THE STATUS OF THE COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS (CDI'S). ACCORDING TO THIS STORY, TURKEY IS DETERMINED THAT THIS DEFINITION WILL INCLUDE THE PHRASE, "THE OBJECTIVE OF COMMON DEFENSE IS TO INSURE THE SECURITY OF TURKEY." AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN THE SAME NEWSPAPER STATES THAT ACCORDING TO NEWSWEEK THERE ARE SEVEN NUCLEAR WEAPON STORAGE SITES AND FIVE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION DETECTION STATIONS IN TURKEY. THE EDITORIAL SUGGESTS THAT THE

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PRESENCE OF THESE INSTALLATIONS IS OF CONCERN TO THE SOVIET UNION

AND HAS MADE TURKEY A PROSPECTIVE NUCLEAR TARGET.

3. POLITIKA CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL BY ISMAIL CEM WHICH DISCUSSES THE OPENING OF THE TALKS AND CONCLUDES THAT THE EXPULSION OF THE CDP'S FROM TURKEY OR THE SEVERE LIMITATION OF THEIR FUNCTIONS WOULD BE A DEVELOPMENT BENEFICIAL TO THE TURKISH NATION. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES "THE SOONER THE COUNTRY IS FREED OF THESE BASES, THE EXISTENCE OF WHICH MAKES TURKEY A NUCLEAR TARGET AND SPOILS HER RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, THE BETTER FOR TURKEY." POLITIKA ALSO CARRIES AN INTERPRETIVE REPORT WHICH STATES THAT THE DETAILS OF THE TURKISH POSITION ARE A WELL-KEPT SECRET BUT SPECULATES THAT THE GOT WILL ATTEMPT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN NATO AND AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS AND CHARGE "RENT" FOR THE LATTER.

3. CUMHURIYET, IN AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL, NOTES THAT THE TALKS ARE NOT STARTING IN AN AUSPICIOUS ATMOSPHERE AND SAYS THAT AN EARLY CONSLUSION IS UNLIKELY. IT POINTS OUT THAT THE GOT IS PREOCCUPIED WITH OTHER MATTERS, THAT TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO CONCESSIONS TO THE UNITED STATES AND THAT THE COALITION GOVERNMENT IS HANDICAPPED BY INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES.

4. THE THEME OF THE HURRIYET COVERAGE IS THAT TURKEY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE AN "EMBARGO-PROOF" AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES.

5. GUNAYDIN STATES THAT POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN ANKARA ARE INTERPRETING THE REMARKS OF FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO IS A POSITIVE STEP AS AN INDICATION THAT TURKEY WILL ACT WITH UNDERSTANDING DURING THE TALKS.

6. HURRIYET, ON BACK PAGE, CARRIES HALF-PAGE ARTICLE ACCOMPANIED BY COLOR PHOTOS COVERING THE ARRIVAL IN TURKEY OF THE RECENTLY DELIVERED F-4 PHANTOM AIRCRAFT. ON THE OTHER HAND, CUMHURIYET AND GUNAYDIN CARRY ON THEIR FRONT PAGES A STORY BASED ON AN ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT WHICH CLAIMS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS OFFERED TO SELL MIG 21 AND MIG 23 AIRCRAFT TO TURKEY BUT TURKEY HAS DECLINED TO BUY THEM "FOR THE TIME BEING." INSTEAD, THE STORY REPORTS, UNCLASSIFIED

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TURKEY HAS CONTRACTED FOR THE PURCHASE OF 60 MIG-24 HELICOPTERS. THIS REPORT, WHICH WAS ALLEGEDLY BASED ON AMERICAN INTELLIGENCES SOURCES, WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN DENIED BY A SENIOR TURKISH MILITARY SOURCE. MACOMBER

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